

As a co-chair of the community health center caucus and a cosponsor of the legislation, I know firsthand the important contributions health centers make. Health centers tailor their services to fit the special needs and priorities of their communities. Their approach is to help people confront critical health problems while lowering the cost of services through primary care and prevention. They are vital resources to patients who do not have adequate access to medical doctors, dentists, mental health providers and other health providers and they help make health care affordable to everyone, with or without health insurance.

In 2001, nearly 1,000 health centers served more than 13 million children and adults in 3,500 communities across the country, including 400 school-based sites. Community health centers are making an enormous impact in my Congressional district. They have significantly increased the use of preventive health services such as Pap smears, mammograms, and glaucoma screenings among the populations they serve. Health center employees have also worked to increase the number and proportion of immunized children, and have made significant strides in preventing anemia and lead poisoning. Furthermore, health centers contribute to the health and well-being of their communities by reducing the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, keeping children healthy and in school, and helping adults remain productive and on the job.

National studies indicate that every dollar invested in community health centers provides an average savings of three dollars to the overall health care system. At a time when the number of uninsured Americans continues to increase and federal and state governments are facing budget shortfalls, community health centers continue to provide essential services at reasonable cost to millions of Americans.

I urge my colleagues to support community health centers and vote yes on H. Res. 240.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JAMES H. ROSENBLATT

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Colonel James H. Rosenblatt who, after more than 30 years of service with the U.S. Army, will retire from active military duty in September and return to his home state to be Dean of the Mississippi College of Law.

Hailing from the small town of Fort Adams, Mississippi, Colonel Rosenblatt entered active duty with the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1973 and, as a Captain, provided legal support in contract law, administrative law, and defense counsel work at the newly created U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia. His last assignment in a long and distinguished Army career poetically ends with a duty assignment as The Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, having served Army-wide between them. Colonel Rosenblatt attended The Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 1977 and remained at the School to teach contract law, fiscal law, communications, and

legislative drafting. After a tour in the Pentagon, where he was responsible for new accessions into the Army and the Funded Legal Education Program, he served with the 25th Infantry Division in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and with the 32nd Army Air Defense Command in Darmstadt, Federal Republic of Germany. Other assignments and advanced training took him to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Fort Meade, Maryland; and Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

James and Lauren Rosenblatt and their four sons, Franklin, John, Andrew, and Paul, are truly an Army family, with two of their sons also serving in the U.S. Army: Franklin is a Lieutenant stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and John is a Sergeant stationed at Fort Meade. Son Andrew is attending Virginia Commonwealth University and Paul is a High School student at Tabb High School in Tabb, Virginia.

I, as I know my colleagues do, commend Colonel Rosenblatt on more than 30 years of dedicated, honorable service to the Nation and the U. S. Army, and on behalf of the entire Mississippi Congressional Delegation, I welcome him back home.

IN RECOGNITION OF PROFESSOR TERRY GIBSON

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today before this house I'd like to recognize and honor Professor Terry Gibson who will be retiring after 35 years of service to the University of Wisconsin-Extension and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Human Ecology on September 3, 2003.

Professor Gibson received his BA and MA degrees from Michigan State University and his PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1973.

Professor Gibson has a long and distinguished career of scholarship, teaching, outreach and service. The emphasis on the professional development of individuals and groups within the State of Wisconsin, the nation, and the world has become the hallmark of his work—particularly with both the University of Wisconsin Extension and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Throughout his career, Professor Gibson was a mentor to graduate students, an avid teacher, and a designer of a variety of non-credit workshops and conferences. His most enduring is the "Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning at a Distance," now in its 19th year, and which continues to attract a large international audience.

The faculty of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in Human Ecology unanimously voted to recommend that Emeritus Professor status be conferred on Professor Terry Gibson effective September 3, 2003. This was also unanimously approved by the School of Human Ecology's Executive Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and pleasure to recognize today the extraordinary service of Professor Terry Gibson. On behalf of my constituents and citizens from the great State of

Wisconsin, we say thank you, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE IDAHO SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor the brave men and women of the Idaho Springs Volunteer Fire Department. This group of individuals has performed their dangerous tasks since 1878 when citizens collectively put out a large fire that threatened the very existence of Idaho Springs.

Born from the ashes of that fire, the Volunteer Fire Department has strived to protect and serve their community for 125 years. Today, their heroic duties include everything from fighting town and wildland fires, responding to Emergency Medical Service calls, and containing hazardous material spills, to even the skillful acts of highway, backcountry, and swift water rescues.

Mr. Speaker, in order to properly recognize the hard work and sacrifices of these men and women, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Idaho Springs Volunteer Fire Department. I am proud of their efforts and wish them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER B. JAEHNIG OF MICHIGAN ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Walter B. Jaehnig on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebration.

Walter B. Jaehnig is a remarkable man whose career in journalism spanned more than 36 years, most of them at The Daily News in Greenville, Michigan. During those years, he impacted his community and those with whom he worked in thousands of ways.

From 1943 until 1979, Wallie worked at The Daily News, doing everything from working as a linotype operator those first years, to writing sports beginning in 1944, and serving most of that time as managing editor and sports editor. Even after retirement, he continued as a sports writer for the newspaper.

Wallie's devotion to his community and the young people there is legendary. It was his joy in school sports that made The Daily News an integral part of the high school sports scene and boosted the popularity of those sports throughout the Greenville area.

Boys or girls sports, from baseball to basketball to football to track and more—Wallie was attending, watching, encouraging, analyzing and reporting the exploits of the area's young athletes. His career-long collection of game score books chronicled his devotion to the ups and downs of those athletes and the men and women who coached them.

During his years at the newspaper, Wallie also mentored untold numbers of young journalists, teaching them the basics of their trade

and introducing them to the real world of community journalism. Greenville and Montcalm County, they soon learned from Wallie, was a place where the newspaper cared deeply for its mission and the people and community it served. Wallie exemplified that attitude of service to the people who were the lifeblood of his career. Today his proteges are scattered throughout the United States, many of them following in Wallie's footsteps as community journalists with a heart for the people they serve.

Throughout his career and still today, it has been Wallie's family who were first in his life. His beloved wife, Adele B. Jaehnig, whom he married in 1937, and their three children, Faith, Walter Jr. and Candace were the center of his life. After Adele's death in 1990, Wallie continued to center his life around his children and six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. On Sunday, July 27, 2003, his family and friends will gather to celebrate nine decades of a life that has been a joy to all who know and have known Wallie.

Mr. Speaker, we wish to extend congratulations to Walter B. Jaehnig on the occasion of his 90th birthday. We are honored to recognize his many accomplishments and ask that our colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join in recognizing his very worthy achievements and wishing him a very happy 90th birthday.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAFFA
SHRINE IN ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Jaffa Shrine located in Altoona, Pennsylvania. From its beginnings, the Shrine has been a popular center for community life in Altoona, gaining 200 members between its first meeting in October 1902 and its founding charter in July 1903.

Today, the Jaffa Shrine continues to grow and has expanded its mission to include members from nine counties, spanning from New

York in the north, Maryland in the South, and stretching as far east as Lewistown and Blairsville in the west.

With such a rapidly growing membership, the Shrine quickly outgrew its original temple. In September 1930, the Shriners current temple was completed. Its ornate, mid-eastern architecture stands as a testament to both their heritage and their importance to our area.

The Shriners' mission of "fostering self improvement through leadership, education, the perpetuation of moral values and community involvement" serves as an example for what can be accomplished in every community across this country.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to recognize the Jaffa Shriners and their 100th anniversary. Central and western Pennsylvania are a better place because of them and I wish them continued success in their mission over the next 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR.
G. DAVID HORTON, PASTOR OF
GREATER NEW BETHEL BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of our community's indefatigable church leaders, the Reverend Dr. G. David Horton, Pastor of Greater New Bethel Baptist Church in my district. The members and supporters of his congregation will honor him on the 24th anniversary of his pastorate at a gala evening dinner on Saturday, July 26, 2003, to be held at Miami Shores Country Club.

Reverend Horton truly evokes the vocation of a Good Shepherd who attends to his flock in ways we can never fathom. As pastor and teacher, he exudes the knowledge and pragmatism of a visionary who goes about teaching the ways of God, and has tirelessly worked to enlighten our community on the agenda of spiritual wisdom and good governance impacting our duties and responsibilities to the less fortunate among us.

I want to commend his tremendous work in guiding not only the members of the Greater

New Bethel Baptist Church, but also the residents of the Miami-Dade community in a manner that bespeaks of his concern and compassion to those in need. Through the longevity of his pastorate, he has truly persevered in showing us the Way and expounding for us the Truth that emanate from our knowledge of the Gospels and the teachings gathered there from.

Having completed his religious studies from the Easonian Theological Seminary in Birmingham, Alabama, he went on to pursue and obtain his Doctorate of Ministry from the South Florida Center for Theological Studies. In the midst of his studies, he played the role of CEO of Bethel's Family Life Center and Child Care by emphasizing the sanctity of the family and the importance of caring for and responding to children's learning needs. This commitment truly undergirds his unshakable belief in that "... the ruin of a nation starts in the homes of its people."

As he continues to be involved in the Baptist Church's state and national positions from instructor to facilitator to bible expositor, Rev. Horton never lost sight of the needs and concerns of the our community by chairing the Board of the South Florida Jail Ministries. It is his consecration to our prisoners' well-being that truly makes him a quintessential steward of the Gospel for his advocacy on behalf of the downtrodden and the imprisoned. It is through this ministry that he has wisely articulated the fact that the genuine measure of our love for God is conditioned by our commitment "... to the least of these ..."

Rev. Horton's timely and persevering leadership at Greater New Bethel Baptist Church for some 24 years is genuinely commendable. As a man of God and as a community leader, he has indeed earned our deepest respects and our superlative admiration.

This is the legacy of the Reverend Dr. G. David Horton. I am truly privileged in thanking him for his many years of service in the Vineyard of the Lord. My pride in sharing his friendship is only exceeded by my utmost gratitude for everything he has sacrificed on our community's behalf as he continues to teach us to live by the noble ethic of loving God by serving our fellow men.